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MEDIA REACTION: US AND UN VETO

YAOUNDE -- FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY CAMEROON TRIBUNE PRAISED CAMEROONIAN SUPPORT FOR ADMISSION OF VIETNAMS TO UN CONDEMNED US VETO.

ARTICLE QUOTED CAMEROON'S UN REPRESENTATIVE JACQUES ROGER BOOH-BOOH'S STATEMENT THAT "FRUITFUL AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONSHIPS" EXIST BETWEEN CAMEROON AND TWO VIETNAMS AND HIS HOPE THAT "CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT THE GREAT ECONOMIC AND HUMAN POTENTIAL OF VIETNAM TO BE USED IN THE CAUSES OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY."

MR. BOOH-BOOH CRITICIZED THE US VETO AS "A GROSS ATTEMPT AT CONTINUED INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF THE CHARTER AND AGAINST THE WISHES OF A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD".

ARTICLE CONTINUES: "MONDAY EVENING THE U.S. OPPOSED THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS TO THE UN. ONE PRETENDS THAT THE AMERICAN VETO IS IN RETALIATION AGAINST THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S REFUSAL LAST WEEK TO INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF THE ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA. ONE ESTIMATES, IN UN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THAT THE US NEGATIVE VOTE IS THE DIPLOMATIC EQUIVALENT OF KEEPING 40,000 TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA.

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"THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF THE UN BEING WHAT IT IS, THE ONLY WAY

TO ASSURE THE ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA WAS TO PAY THE PRICE OF THE ADMISSION OF HANOI AND SAIGON. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, BECAUSE OF POLITICAL AFFINITY AND OTHER COMMON INTERESTS THEY SHARE WITH THE VIETNAMS COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A BARGAIN. RECOGNIZING THAT FACT, THE US USED ITS PRIVILEGE AS A "SUPER-POWER". THIS ACTION CONFORMS WITH THE ATTITUDES OF THOSE CARRYING OUT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. IT IS NOT DONE WITHOUT TAKING CERTAIN RISKS, AND IT WILL NOT BE WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES.

"THE MOST OBVIOUS EFFORT OF THE AMERICAN VETO IS TO ADD THE QUESTION OF ADMISSION FOR THE VIETNAMS TO THE EXISTING STACK OF DISPUTES (LITIGATION) -- TO AVOID SAYING CONFLICTS -- BETWEEN THE US AND THE THIRD WORLD. THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO MAKE IT ANY EASIER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF A DIVIDED KOREA, EVEN IF THE US SHOW OF SUPPORT STRENGTHENS SEOUL FOR ITS EVENTUAL TALKS WITH PYONG YANG OR ELSEWHERE IN REVOLUTIONARY ASIA.

"MEANWHILE, UN SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE THAT THE MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION THE US GIVES TO SOUTH KOREA, IF IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE STATUS QUO, IS NOT A QUICK SOLUTION AND IS, EVEN LESS, A DURABLE SOLUTION.

" THE LESSON OF THE AMERICAN VETO APPEARS TO BE THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF OPENING AN INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE QUESTION OF KOREA, IN PARTICULAR, AND ON LARGER ISSUES SUCH AS PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN A SOUTH EAST ASIA TRANSFORMED BY REVOLUTIONARY VICTORIES IN COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA." ITEM.
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